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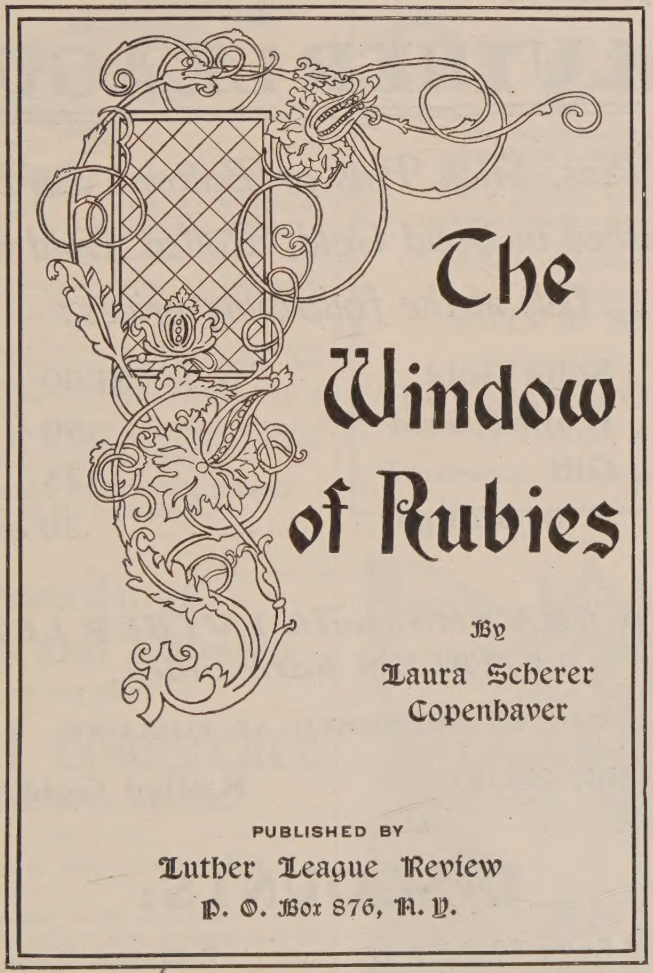

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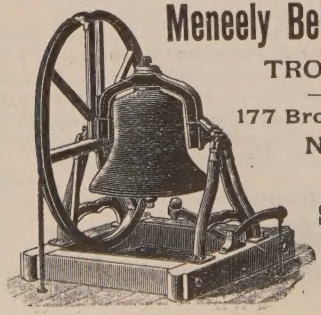

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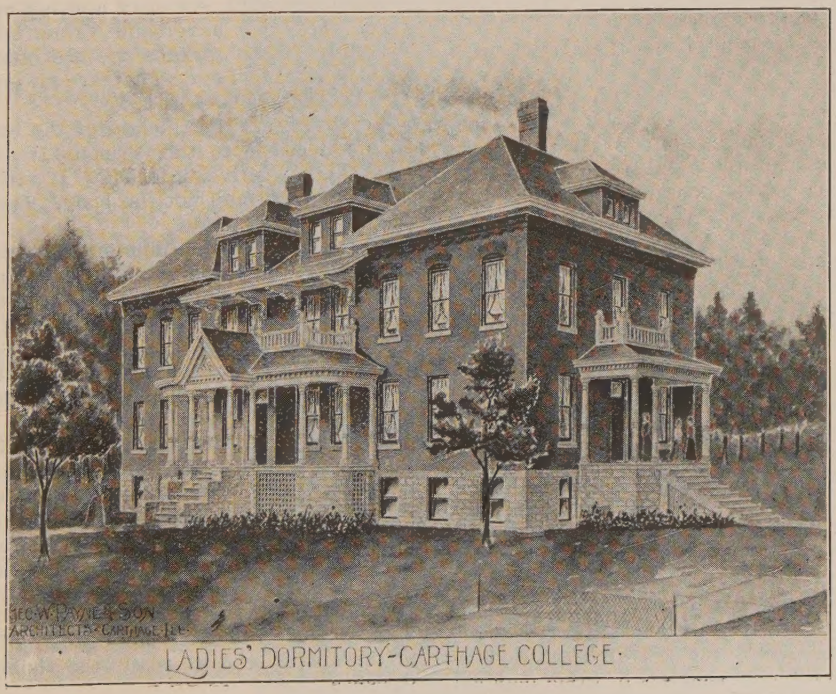
Carthage College

THIS institution, located in Carthage, Ill., midway between Burlington, Iowa, and Quincy, Ill., was founded in 1870 by Rev. D. L. Tressler, Ph.D., and from the beginning has been supported by the Synods of Illinois and Iowa, in connection with the General Synod. Like most of the denominational colleges of this country, it has had its share of trials; and its history is in many respects a story of faithful and scholarly labor in the face of an uncertain future; for among its former students are many foreign missionaries, college presidents and professors and many useful laymen. Its period of embarrassment closed during the presidency of Rev. J. M. Ruthrauff, D.D., whose successful canvass for endowment funds was recognized by his election to the presidency of Wittenberg College.

During the administration of President F. L. Sigmund, which began in September, 1900, several noticeable improvements have been made. The main building and grounds had been beautified at an outlay of over $5000 through the liberality of the citizens of Carthage, and during last summer an equal sum was expended toward the erection of a new ladies' hall out of the same



DENHART HALL FOR YOUNG LADIES

subscription. This home for the young ladies of the college, which represents an outlay of about $9000, was opened early in November, 1901, with proper ceremonies, and was named Denhart Hall, in recognition of Mr. Henry Denhart, who contributed $2500 toward its erection, and whose benefactions to the college amount to over $18,000. The building is a two-story brick structure, 37 x 72 feet, is furnished with modern conveniences, and will accommodate 30 students. The parlors, music room, refectory and dining room occupy the remainder of the building.

With the present school year, new departments of music, art, elocution and physical culture were opened; the academy was reorganized, and Rev. Prof. W. K. Hill took charge as principal; and the Normal and Commercial departments were continued in operation as heretofore; so that the students during this year have had a choice of studies in a half dozen departments aside from the regular college and academic courses. A considerable increase in the roll for the present year encourages the hope that Carthage College will soon attract a much larger number of students from all branches of the Lutheran Church in the Mississippi Valley, for whose education it was originally designed.

How Shall We Observe Lent?

"By the renewing of your minds, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God"—Rom. 12:2.

By Rev. W. H. Feldman

THE theme is not new, nor the treatment novel; nevertheless, it is a timely topic and duly deserves attention.

But how shall we define Lent? Lent is the Christian's "via crucis via lucis" (way of the cross and way of light). It is to lead him by the way of Calvary to the empty tomb of Easter morn. Let us note, however, that the Scriptures nowhere absolutely enjoin upon us the observance of a fixed period called Lent!

This fact leads some Protestants to look with disdain on the season. It is Romish, they tell us, and therefore to be avoided. "I will keep Sunday, they say, all other days are alike to me! Christ does not demand it." No, nor does He demand services on Decoration Day or Thanksgiving Day, &c.! Governed by these views they often go to church on Washington's Birthday—and to the theater on Good Friday! This is surely a violation of the eternal fitness of things!

Where it is observed, it often is superficial. It means to many nothing more than cessation from card playing till Easter Monday; when it is resumed with renewed vigor. To others it is only an intermission between balls, parties and opera. Some find Lent a good time to watch the fashion plates, so that the Goddess of Style may get a suitable offering of gown and hat on Easter Sunday. Perhaps it takes the form of self-denial—of something for which we care very little. Self-denial can be fashionable, and fashion is extremely dangerous and worthless in religion!

We include the Roman Catholic conception with its fasts, rites, customs, &c., with the above as a false view of Lent. It fails to meet the demands we naturally expect.

For all the foregoing we would say that when observed in sincerity and not as mere form, they may have some value; but they certainly do not give us the best and most helpful view of Lent. They are all mere externals and copied with ease.

Herein differs the thought of the text and its applications to this season. It aims at something positive, internal. It strives to reach the soul and not the body. Therefore we offer it as a guide.

While no biblical injunction demands the observance of these weeks, there are dictates of another kind that do—namely, the necessity of our human natures. All of us need rest and change of thought. The Saviour Himself told His disciples to go apart and rest—not meaning the Sabbath or a festival—but taking a special season for it. The Master enjoyed times of prayer and communion of God. If He found it helpful, ought not we? The sinless Saviour sought repose; how much more should His faulty followers? How these earthly attractions become spiritual distractions! Do not our daily tasks, various enjoyments and social engagements crowd our souls' needs to the wall of neglect and thereby deaden all sense of the unseen, though really the visible that perishes.

To leave these distractions for a season and listen to the still, small voice is the duty Lent calls us to perform. If we enter into the spirit of it, then we shall be refreshed and strengthened unto every good work. Let us therefore observe it by the renewing of our minds that we may prove what is that good and acceptable and preferred will of God.

In quoting above we do not wish to dis-

tort Scripture; but we use it because the context warrants the idea. Let us note what is involved. First, the need of renewing our minds; second, how it is done—by proving God's good, acceptable and perfect will. Who can say, I have no need of these? Who is there that can say, I am as fresh, as bright, as hopeful in my Christian life as when I vowed my allegiance to the Master on "Confirmation Day!" Who can say, I am daily drawn nearer to God in loving fellowship and childlike trust and devotion? My life has been but one constant ascent up the mountain of holiness without falls or failure. Would we all could say it; would that it were no mere dream, but a blessed truth in each one's life—but it is not!

We need to be reminded, we need to be renewed in heart and life. Has the Christ been ever before our eyes? Must we not rather sing "We Alas, Forget Too Often," &c. Perhaps not prodigals in the worse sense, but like prodigals, do we not travel into that far country of sin and forget God's tender mercies, His Father's love, His patience, His long suffering that He has shown us? Can we be such ingrates as to forget—dare we forget? Was it a cheap purchase that God made for our redemption? Can we think light of it or forget? And yet we so often do it! What better can we do than "destroy this all" by the renewing of our minds that we may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Again, with too many of us the "Old Adam" has waged the most successful warfare. How many seeds that have fallen from the heavenly hand that sows so abundantly have fallen on stony hearts? Sin, like

"Could Ye Not Watch with Me One Hour?"

O Garden dark and dreary,
O sad Gethsemane!
Where sore-oppressed and weary,
Our Saviour comes to pray,
Where in His nameless sorrow
He burning tears must weep,
Yet comfort none can borrow,
For His disciples—*sleep!*

O human heart so fickle,
So frail in joy and pain!
Bleak garden, where Love's sickle
Oft comes to reap in vain.
How quickly wouldst thou perish,
Fast sleeping, in dismay,
If Jesus would not cherish
To watch *for thee*, and pray!

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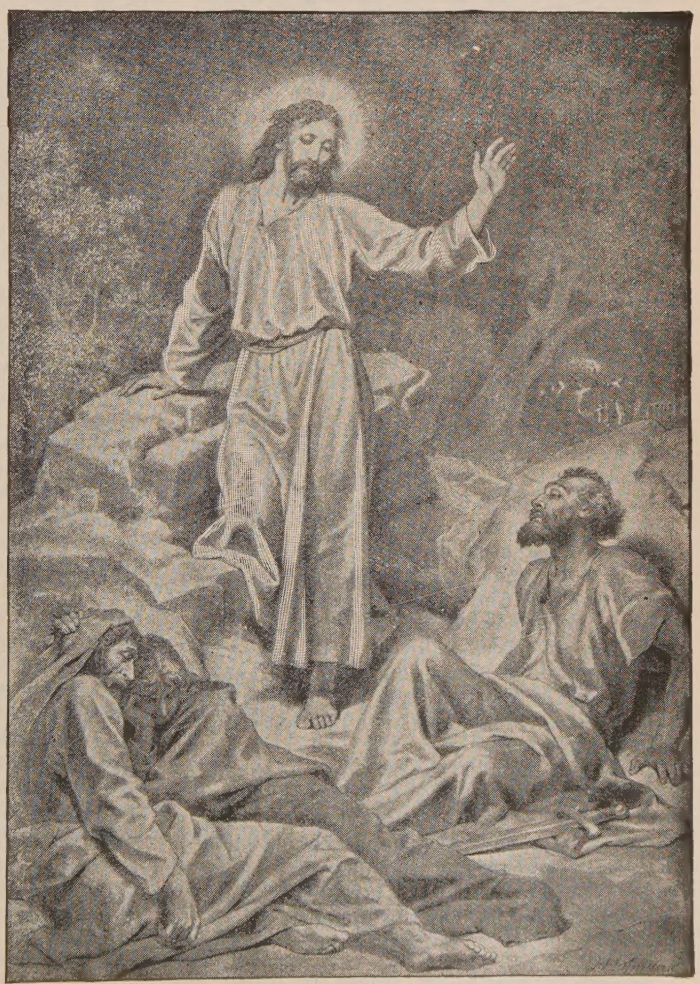

the snowflakes, has come on our lives in silence and certainty until we are buried beneath its burden. What we need in such cases above all is to get into the genial sunlight of the Son of Righteousness "by the renewing of our minds that we may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Furthermore, when we recall how high the standard of Christian discipleship is placed, and that Christ Himself has said, "He who is not for me is against me," the question arises, Have we always done that which pleases Him? Do we stop to think that such conduct is a denial as much as Peter's was? It is, and if we are sincere, then, like him we will seek to gain our Lord's favor again and get close to Him, which is only accomplished "by the renewing of our minds that we may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God!"

Once more! As the dear Saviour is treading the thorny paths and the unseen voice cries out to us "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by," can we say "I don't care?" Is it nothing to thee? Yet while no one does in words and directly, we all do it in deed, though indirectly. Our contact with this cold world has killed our warmth for Him. Can such an one sing "Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus?" Can such a soul take all—take anything from Calvary? Who has never failed in this respect? Who needs not grow warmer in affection and stronger in trust? Let us get away from this numbness and contemplate in gratitude "by the renewing of our minds that we may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

If such thought engages us in the Lenten period, then it must be both edifying and instructive. How this is achieved is easily told. We look not only upon, but up to hills whence cometh our strength. To attain we must seek to know that gracious will of God, so good, acceptable and perfect.

The proof of God's will is threefold. The proof from the Word, the life of Christ and the life of the Christ-follower. We shall confine ourselves to the second form as found in the life of the Son, and particularly fitting for Lent. This we will put in a few brief suggestions.

That the offender should want to renew the oneness of mind with God is no wonder! He has all to gain and nil to lose. How much greater does God appear to us since He endeavors to find the offender, loving him with an everlasting love. Was there ever such goodness as the dying Jesus exhibited. "Father forgive them!" Surely the will of God is good, pure, sweet, gentle, kind. The Father's heart beat in the Son.

That He should be acceptable to God, the Father with whom He was as one mind, is most easily understood. When He saw that Sinai brought but sin and sorrow, that His will was too great for weak man to maintain in its dignity, He dignified man in the Son of Man, who for our faults offered His grace, for our guilt His innocency, for our hatred His love. Wherein we failed He appeased God. Through the cross Christ brought an acceptable will to His Father, and in His blood we find peace. Can this but renew our minds in contentment and peace?

Perfect in heart, thought and deed, there stood the Prince of Peace. Even the blind pagan Pilate had to exclaim: "I find no fault in this man," nor can any one else—nor does God. He alone could say "I and the Father are one." "Not my will, but thy will be done." Absolutely childlike in perfect obedience; such was the perfect life, the perfect death of Christ.

To gain this idea and make it part of our life is the work of Lent. Is time spent thereon lost or too expensive? Can we do better? Is there anything so cheering to human hearts? Is there anything we need more? Has Lent a reasonable purpose or not?

Go into this church festival season with these thoughts, and the true meaning of the word Lent—lengthen—will be fulfilled in you. Yes it will lengthen throughout the whole year, and be the beginning of a blessing such as we had never dreamt of.

"Why insist upon the study of the catechism?" is a question frequently asked. This is well answered by a Methodist in the *Christian Advocate*, as follows: "May not our negligence in instructing our children in the catechism have something to do with our decline in membership? . . . We are apt to forget that true religion does not only consist in emotion, but also in a thorough knowledge of divine truth. I am rather afraid we have been laying too much stress upon the emotional and not enough upon the intellectual side of Christianity. Christ sent His disciples to teach all nations what He commanded them. Fires of emotion kindled where there is no thorough knowledge of Christian truth soon die out."

Do you keep the Lord's day for Him; or, for yourself?

The Leaguer's Equipment*

By C. Hale Sipes

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Now, in order to accomplish anything, the Leaguer must have some equipment. As the mechanic needs tools, so the Christian needs something with which to perform his work. And the more momentous and righteous his task, the more complete must be his equipment for its performance. His equipment needs to be more nearly perfect than that of him who is bent upon evil doing. It is harder to equip one for good work than for evil. The evil doer, in his natural, unregenerate state, finds it easy, not only to think evil, but to put into execution his godless plans. It was Washington Irving who said: "A good man with every effort can do very little good, but it is in the power of a very ordinary individual to accomplish incalculable mischief."

The first thing we note, therefore, in the Leaguer's equipment is knowledge. And this knowledge is of several kinds.

First, knowledge of himself. He must know what sphere he is, by nature, suited to labor in. Every one has an adaptability for a certain kind of work. He has a faculty peculiar to himself, the knowledge of which eventually determines his success, no matter what calling be his. The individual must find for himself this faculty, this peculiar fitness for certain work, under the guidance of God. He must be directed, not so much by the opinions of others, as by his own judgment. He alone it is who knows the thoughts and desires of his own mind. And do not these plainly and definitely point out to him his sphere of work? And having found his talent the Leaguer must remember that it is susceptible of improvement. He must earnestly devote himself to the great work of self cultivation, because his faculties will be more potent in a cultivated state, and it is his solemn duty to have a well arranged equipment, mental and spiritual, for his work. "Upon the leisure moments he must set a high price, for they are sands of gold. Properly expended, they will procure for him a stock of great thoughts—thoughts that will stir and invigorate and expand his soul. He must read, but above all, must reflect more than he reads. Without thought, all his books will be only the sepulchre of the soul—they will only immure it. But let thought and reading go hand in hand, and his intellect will rapidly increase in strength and gifts."

Second, he must have a knowledge of Scripture. This knowledge must not be merely technical and mental, but spiritual knowledge. That he have such knowledge is absolutely necessary, because his work is spiritual work. How can he show others what he himself has not seen? How can he illumine the minds of others if his own mind has not been illumined by the light of God's word? Bearing in mind the injunction of Christ, "Search the Scriptures," nothing short of accurate scriptural knowledge should be his. This knowledge of Scripture will not only enable him to give a reason for the hope that is in him, and to propogate the Christian faith; but will be an armor of resistance, a sword of defense against spiritual enemies. The apostle exhorts the Christian thus: "Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand. Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness, and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherefore ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

Third, he should be equipped with a definite knowledge of the doctrines and history of his own Church. It is certainly true that the more familiar he becomes with her doctrines and history the greater will be his love for her, and if he loves his Church sincerely and earnestly, he will ardently and faithfully labor to promote her interests. There is a personal satisfaction in being familiar with Lutheran doctrine and history. But far greater is the ability thus afforded to refute the shameful charges which are sometimes made against the Lutheran Church. Now, we believe that these charges arise more frequently from ignorance than from downright malevolence. It is quite a serious thing to slander the Church of the Reformation, the mother of Protestantism; and hence, we repeat, we believe the reason so many Christians, distinguished or other-

*Read at a meeting of the Kittanning Central League.

wise, are found repeating old falsehoods against our Church, is that they are ignorant of her doctrines and sublime history, rather than that they have for her a special hatred. But whether these charges come from either ignorance or malevolence, or from both, they should sometimes be met by the truth. Very evident, then, is the necessity for the Luther Leaguer to have his Church's doctrines and history at his tongue's end, that he may be able to silence and shame those who indulge in falsehoods. And it will be no digression for us to remark here that a very excellent way for him to become familiar with our Church's doctrines and history is by studying the books which comprise the "Luther League Reading Course."

Again, for successful work the Leaguer must be equipped with courage. The Christian worker can be compared very fittingly to a soldier. And what element does the soldier need more than courage? It takes courage for him to face the cannon's mouth, and stand before the pitiless, pelting, iron storm of death. So with the Christian. He must have courage to face the onslaughts of iniquity. Yes, it takes courage to stand up for the right, not only upon the physical battlefield, but much more upon the spiritual battlefield. The world has so many forms of wickedness—crime, deceit, immorality, intemperance and all the appalling train of vices which infect society and invade the sanctity of the home. Dark is the appearance which they give to the world. Yet we believe that the world is much darker than it appears, because all the evil which we can see is only the external manifestations of the real, the internal condition of the human heart. The condition of the heart is the condition of the individual; for, "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he." Were we privileged to look with the natural eye into the hidden reasses of the human heart, what a hideous and disgusting sight would meet our gaze! Hence the necessity for courage on the part of the young Christian worker—courage like that of Luther, which made him bold and strong and unrelenting in his great work of the Reformation, despite the intrigues of potentates, "the thunders of the Vatican and blood and fires of martyrdom."

Further, the Christian must be equipped with a sense of responsibility. Too many there are who are diligent in the performance of their Christian duties, because they expect and receive praise from the world. They labor, not because the heart is in the work, but because they love the applause and flattery of men. May our Leaguer not be found in this class. Let duty and a sense of responsibility be his incentives, and love toward God and fellow man forever remain his impelling motive. He should remember to whom he is responsible. For good motives in his work, he is responsible to his fellow Leaguers and to his Church. More than this, he is directly responsible to God. This responsibility imposed of God is three fold: by creation and the endowment of soul faculties, by redemption and by the continual gift of sustaining power by which life and faculties are preserved.

Let our young Leaguers strive to increase the efficiency of their equipment. Let them labor diligently, faithfully, hopefully, prayerfully, assured that their efforts will not be without final reward. May they also be assured that by their work man is blessed and God is glorified. And may God bless our young Leaguers in this work, and enlighten, encourage and strengthen them by his Holy Spirit.

The Reward of Life

The reward of life is in seeking first the kingdom of heaven. This is both a privilege and a promise which saves from undue anxiety. These lessons of trust in God are very helpful in teaching that God's promises for this life have their reward in treasures in heaven.

The true way of investing earthly wealth is to lay up treasures in heaven. The Heavenly Father's favor removes life's fears, and we can know its true riches and how to seek them, for "it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." So the earnest Christian lays up treasures where they will always be safe and ever pay the interest of blessing.

Our chief care is preparation for the rewards that are to be ours. "The treasure is both a test of where the heart is, and a means of placing it where it should be." No wonder with the prospect before us we are exhorted to watchfulness. Without this, life's reward soon slips away. We are tested and the treasure is gone.

Two Good Rules

Dr. Henry Van Dyke said: "There are two good rules which ought to be written on every heart—never believe anything bad about anybody unless you positively know it to be true; never tell even that unless you feel that it is absolutely necessary, and that God is listening while you tell it. Charity thinks no evil, much less repeats it."

A Message to Luther Leaguers

on the Study of the Bible

By Charles L. Voeiler

EVERYONE should regularly give to the Bible the highest place in his reading. To hear the Word preached by the pastor on Sunday, or taught by the Sunday school teacher, is not sufficient. Each one should read for himself.

You say it costs something, takes time, requires you to give up pleasure or engagements. It does, and it returns an hundredfold. Upon it depends your ability to do well the work of life. It will send you into each day's work with a glow of spirit finer than any glow of body that follows good physical exercise.

THE BIBLE AND THE NEWSPAPER.

Next to your associates, your reading determines what you are. Many Christians read little, or nothing, except the daily newspapers. That is cheap reading until you multiply the price by the number of papers you buy in a year. It does not require any great mental effort, but what effect does it have on your mind, tastes and character? "But one must know what is going on," you say. Everything? How much of what you read yesterday can you remember? How much has left you any wiser or better? How much had you better never have read? If you would be strong, with a mind that thinks and character that weighs, you must be master of your reading; not let it be master over you. Read the daily papers, but select the cleanest and ablest. Boycott the journalism which is well called "yellow." It has in it neither blood nor purity. In the best of dailies there will be more to skip than to read. Read only what is really worth reading. Keep abreast of the movements in your own community toward social improvement and civic righteousness; of the affairs of nations which affect our own national welfare, and the progress of God's Kingdom throughout the earth. Skip personalities, scandal, crimes, gossip, everything that leaves the trail of the serpent on your brain. Hold yourself to such a course, and you will gain some time daily for the reading of literature that is worth the time spent on it. Newspapers boast of their circulation; the Bible has circulated 250,000,000 copies, and every year shows an increase on the preceding. Newspapers proclaim their enterprise in reaching distant localities; the Bible belts the globe. The whole or parts of it may be read in 380 different languages and dialects, and 120 of these were but spoken tongues until the Bible came in the vanguard of civilization to call into existence an alphabet and a literature. To two-thirds of the human race the Bible is now accessible in the native tongue. Does your paper report the words and deeds of the great men of our day? Make the closer acquaintance of "the great strong beings like Moses, and David, and Isaiah, and Daniel, and Paul, and John, and Peter, who," as Phillip Brooks has said, "stand forth as manifestations of that vital power with which the Bible is filled from end to end."

Have you thought the Bible stale, an antique, a "back number?" No book in the world is as much alive to-day. That master of American journalism, the late Chas. A. Dana, speaking to Cornell students, referred to a thorough acquaintance with the Bible as a pre-eminent qualification for success in journalism. The editor of another New York paper was asked by a correspondent to name a few of the best books for a young man in business. He said: "The best single treatise is the New Testament; next to this is the Proverbs of Solomon." The best business man we have ever known memorized the entire book of Proverbs at 22, carrying a 10-cent edition in his pocket and committing half a dozen verses daily. When he became an employer he gave a copy to each employee, recommending it as an admirable business guide. Now Proverbs is neither the kernel nor the crown of the Bible, and there are higher considerations to incite to Bible study than these utilitarian ones; but even these are sufficient to show that no young man in our day can neglect the Bible without serious loss to himself. Bible study, pursued earnestly, systematically and prayerfully, gives strength to Christian life and service.

THE BIBLE AND OTHER RELIGIOUS BOOKS.

Even devotional books, intended as helps, may be so used as to crowd out the Bible. Phillips Brooks well said: "Religious people read thin, superficial books of religious sentiment, but do not meet face to face the strong, exacting, masculine pages of the Bible." His adjectives explain the reason for his statement. The Bible is never superficial, never thin. Simple indeed in great part it is, so that even a child or a plantation negro may delight in it, but always profound. "In this book," said Ewald, the great historian, to Dean Stanley, "is all the wisdom of the world." Why be satisfied

with water jug or bottle when the spring itself is at hand ?

THE BIBLE AND CHARACTER.

The Bible is the one book that contains the truth which transforms life. A Scotch boy, nine years old, won the prize his pastor had offered by repeating from memory the 119th Psalm "with only five hitches." David Livingstone, scientist, explorer, missionary, carried the New Testament he thus won across Africa from ocean to ocean, and so hid its truths in his heart and exemplified them in his dealings with the native tribes that when Stanley followed on his trail their dark faces lit up at the mention of his name. The American newspaper correspondent in the weeks he spent with Livingstone on Lake Tanganyika and its shores got a new vision of the Christ in the face of His herald to Africa, of whom he wrote. When Stanley went to Africa the second time he carried with him a beautifully bound Bible, the gift to him of Livingstone's sister. When he visited Uganda he read from it to its king, Mtesa. When he had gone 200 miles further a messenger reached him, crying out that Mtesa wanted the book, and it was sent to him. A few years later, when, by the labors of Mackay and other missionaries, a written language had been created in Uganda, and the New Testament translated and printed in it, Uganda Christians, who a dozen years before had never heard of the true God and Jesus Christ, gladly paid the wages of three months' hard labor to own a copy of it. These same Christians have proved their faith "at the stake, under the knobstick, and under torture unto death." They were the stuff of which martyrs are made, but it takes the Bible to make such martyrs. Well did Professor Drummond say that what we need, whether in Scotland or in America, to-day, is "not more men, but more man." Gladstone, who was guided throughout the greatest career of this century by the principles of the Bible, than whom, we are told, no man of his day at Oxford read his Bible more or knew it better, testifies from the ripe experience of his old age, "My only hope for the world is in bringing the human mind into contact with divine revelation."

The attempt to build character without the Bible is doomed to failure. President G. Stanley Hall of Clark University, in addressing the Connecticut Valley Congregational Club on "The Teaching of Morals," referred to a collection he had made of more than 300 different text-books used in schools and colleges to teach ethics, as "a mongrel library." He urged that "to cultivate morality one must appeal, as the Bible does, to the moral sense rather than to reason. Hence life must be leavened with religion and children infected with Christianity." Professor Huxley, whose testimony would certainly not be biased by any prejudice toward Christianity, writes: "I have been seriously perplexed to know how the religious feeling, which is the essential basis of conduct, can be kept up without the use of the Bible." Rebuke the heresy that the Bible is the book for the pulpit, but not for the shop and the office. One of the most useful Christians I have known is neither a minister nor an evangelist, but a business man. For 30 years or more he has taught every Sunday a great Bible class of men, and the weeks have been full of such contact with these and other men, and such service for them in Christ's name, as has made his life a constant fountain of living water.

SEVEN REASONS FOR BIBLE STUDY.

1. Because it is the most alive and widely studied book in the world to-day.

2. Because the English Bible is the greatest classic in our literature.

3. Because its study enlarges one's horizon and brings one in touch with the most earnest and self-sacrificing spirits of this and every age.

4. Because to know it helps one to appreciate all else that is best in literature.

5. Because it touches and crowns all other branches of knowledge.

6. Because it is God's appointed means for the development of noble Christian character.

7. Because it contains God's message of grace and power for the full salvation of the needy world in which He has placed us.

HOW TO GO TO WORK.

1. Read the Bible as if it were a new book just from the press. Let the Sunday newspaper alone, if you have been in the habit of reading it, and sit down for an hour to the Gospel of Mark, or the story of Abraham, or Joseph, or David, or Ruth, or Nehemiah. I risk the prophesy that there will not be a page even of these familiar narratives on which you will fail to find something fresh and beautiful and suggestive for your own life.

2. Join a Bible class.

3. Begin every day with devotional Bible reading.

4. Never forget that it is through His Word that God now speaks to men.

He who approaches the Bible in the spirit of the true student of religion will find for himself the truth of the assurance with which God's great angel closed the highest message ever sent to earth from heaven.

Sesqui-Centennial

of Old Trinity Church, Reading, Pa.

THE sesqui or 150th anniversary of Trinity Lutheran Church of Reading, Pa., Rev. E. T. Horn, D.D., pastor, was celebrated on January 5 and 6. The sermon on Sunday morning was preached by the former pastor, Rev. Jacob Fry, D.D. On Sunday evening a service for the young people was held. George M. Jones, Esq., spoke on the topic "What Has Been Done for the Young People in Trinity Church During the 150 Years." The sermon on this occasion was preached by Rev. A. S. Fichthorn of Norristown. On Monday evening Rev. David H. Geissinger, D.D., of Pittsburgh, Pa., delivered the sermon.

The precise date when Rev. Tobias Wagner held the first services in Trinity will probably never be established. But in all likelihood it was several years before the city of Reading was laid out. It is known that he moved to the vicinity of Reading, April 30, 1746, "on the road to Easton," where he had secured some land. This location, however, is probably 1 or 2 miles further north, and possibly further west than is generally supposed. The only known fact bearing on the subject is a warrant for 100 acres in Bern Township, which Wagner sold subsequently to other parties—almost seven or eight years after this. All the facts would indicate that he settled somewhere between Kissinger's Bridge and Leiss' Bridge.

Apparently the congregation was organized in 1751, or possibly in 1750, as the record of the proceedings of the congregational meeting January 6, 1752, speaks of the reelection of deacons, showing that it had been organized before that time.

During 1752 a log church was erected on the plot of ground now owned by Trinity, on Washington street between Sixth and Church, near or about where the parsonage now stands. This may possibly have given rise to the name Church street. The building was used for services before it was entirely completed.

Rev. Dr. Henry Melchoir Muhlenberg preached the first sermon in the church, held communion and baptized children.

In 1765 a large stone building was erected on the corner of Sixth and Washington streets. The congregation also owned the lot adjoining on Sixth street, on which a parsonage was afterward erected.

About December, 1790, subscriptions toward the erection of a new church were secured.

The building, of brick, 60 feet on Sixth street and 100 on Washington, was erected during 1792 and 1793. There was no steeple above the brick work at the time. The cost was a little over $14,000. It was dedicated on Trinity Sunday, June 15, 1794. Dr. Helmuth preached the sermon.

The old church was demolished about a year after the completion of the new one. In the call to Rev. H. A. Muhlenberg, in 1803, it was stipulated that there should be English services every four weeks.

In 1809 a brick wall was built around the

grounds, which remained until 1866, when the present parsonage was built. Then part of it was taken down, and the remainder in 1874.

A steeple over 200 feet high with the tower was erected in 1833 at a cost of $3500. During 1844 various improvements, such as a new roof, new pavements on two sides, &c., at a cost of $1322, were again made. In 1851 the interior of the church was remodeled.

Of the pastors who have served Trinity Church, the term of Rev. Jacob Fry, D.D., was the longest, his service extending from 1864 to 1896, a period of 32 years. Rev. E. T. Horn, D.D., has been pastor since May, 1897.

Luther League Topics

1st week after Easter. April 6, 1902.

Salvation Made Possible Through Christ

(John 3 : 16-17 14 : 1-7)

Biblical Topic reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller

Themes for brief papers.—Why is salvation needed ? What has the Father done for our salvation ? How has the Son made salvation possible ? What must we do to be saved ?

Lessons for our own lives: 1. *God has fully worked out our redemption.*—The objective side of salvation is complete. We could not do it, could never have done it. Sinful by nature, lost and helpless, God's love and Christ's life and passion, made possible for us a way of escape and of uplifting. It was the way of redemption. We were bought back from the hateful captivity, the price paid being the "holy and precious blood, and . . . the innocent sufferings and death of Christ. Now it is only necessary to claim the ransom once for all paid. It is not by pleadings, nor by works, nor by feelings that we can be saved. We have nothing to exchange for the great gift; we can raise no part of the price demanded. Nor need we, for the price has been completely paid. Upon absolutely nothing that we can do, but solely and sufficiently upon what Christ has already thoroughly done, does our hope of heaven and our present possession of God's grace depend ! Any other Gospel than this is not the Gospel of Christ.

2. *Faith alone can embrace our redemption.*—What was done centuries ago becomes of present worth to us the moment we accept Christ's finished work by faith. Faith is not something which we can offer of ourselves. "It is the gift of God." Faith does not save, but it receives salvation. We are not saved because we believe, but when we believe. The cause of our salvation is Christ, His merit, His righteousness, His passion. To have faith in our faith, to trust our trust, is exactly as bad as to have faith in our works or trust them. Faith does nothing, is worth nothing, but it receives everything, takes hold of that which is worth everything. Because it embraces Christ, it brings eternal life, for to grasp Him is to grasp salvation. To trust in a man may save us from some worldly trouble, because the man in whom we trust is able to give us help. To trust in Christ saves us from sin, death and the devil, because He is able and has bound Himself to do for us that very thing. It is Christ, and Christ alone, who has made salvation possible for us, and who saves us as soon as the heart is open, by faith, to His access and possession. He is the way. There is none other.

2d week after Easter. April 13, 1902.

The Open Door or the Lutheran Opportunity

(Rev. 3 : 7-13)

Missionary Topic reviewed by E. Aug. Miller, Esq.

It is a significant fact that in the message that was to be written to each of the seven churches the declaration was made, "I know thy works." Knowledge of the patience, the faith, the charity of one or the other is declared, but it is only of their works that declaration is made of all. Does not this emphasize works above all things else as that which shall influence judgment? By their fruits He, as well as ye, shall know them.

Suppose the message was to come from God to-day to the Lutheran Church of America, "I know thy works," would it cause us to look up or down; would joy or shame be the feeling in our hearts ? What of our works ? Let us for a little while turn aside from our faith and history, about which we are wont to hear so much, and consider "thy works." As a company of the great church militant, how have we been coming up to the measure of our responsibilities ? Have we any work that is distinctively and peculiarly our own ? What special opportunity, if any, have we that increases our responsibility ?

In the lesson we learn that before the Church in Philadelphia was set an open door. At Ephesus and Troas, Paul declares, a door was opened to him by the Lord. What are these open doors ? Are they not more than mere opportunities ? When we urge our friend to come and see us, and add, "the latch string is always out"—the door is open—we afford him not only an opportunity to visit us, but there is with that an invitation, an urging to come. So with this open door, with the opportunity afforded, there is an invitation to enter and occupy. Are there any doors thus standing open in this Western land set by the Lord before us Lutherans ? If so, are we entering and occupying and so discharging the responsibility laid upon us ?

We call it Home Missions, but I sometimes wonder whether it is not a misnomer. To missionate is to preach the Gospel to those who neither have nor know it. A Christian missionary is one who propagates the religion of Jesus Christ. While this open

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door is set before every Christian Church, it is not the distinctive open door which is set before us Lutherans. Is it not this, to supply to those of our own faith, who have sought a home in this Western land, the means of grace, so that they may be retained not alone to our own church, but to the Church at large. They are our own. They are Lutherans. They acknowledge the same faith, and have been brought up in the same communion. When Christ sent out the twelve to preach and heal they were directed by Him not to go unto the Samaritans nor in the way of the Gentiles. While this early instruction was modified and enlarged by His pre-Ascension command to go into all the world, still, does it not give particular emphasis to the duty of caring for one's own ? "But if any provide not for his own house, he hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel." If this be true of material provision, what then of him who withholds the spiritual food from those of his own household of faith who may be in want ! To provide for one's own is a duty; to care for others is charity. To preach the Gospel to the unsaved and heathen is Christian love and missions, but to provide the means of grace and the preaching of the Word to our own needy Lutherans (no matter what may be their language) is the sternest duty. Could we but retain as active, consistent members in our Church all those who call themselves Lutherans, what a glorious achievement !

This is the open door which the Lord has set before us. Whole communities and States made up in large part of Lutherans present an opportunity which is inspiring as well as immense. "I know thy works !" "I know thy works !" Young Lutherans let us arouse ourselves. If we have been deficient and neglectful in the past, thank God the door is not closed. Let us open our eyes more widely, so as to discern more clearly this open door in our own dear land, and by the grace of God, and with a devotion and courage born of the Spirit, and by an activity and perseverance that must accomplish, see if we cannot atone in large measure for the neglect of the past. Let us work and pray and give so that the vast population in this country who call themselves Lutherans may be retained, not alone to our own Church, but to the great communion of saints. Let us strive to put away every selfish thought and purpose, let us cast aside all the various weights and hindrances which have so much interfered in the past, and let us all, no matter of what language or synod, press forward toward the accomplishment of our earnest hope and prayer, the extension of our Lutheran Zion and the glory of our Lord and King.

3d week after Easter. April 20, 1902.

Salvation Conferred Through the Means of Grace

(Eph. 2 : 1- 0)

Biblical Topic reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller

Themes for brief papers.—What is meant by grace ? How is grace bestowed. How shall we receive grace ?

Lessons for our own lives: 1. *God has given us a plain way of salvation.*—We are helpless. His grace not only pities us, but saves and strengthens us. We cannot believe, apart from His grace. Nor can we resist temptation or be strong in Christian service and life, without the continuance of His grace. How are we to obtain it is a question second in importance to none ! And He has not left us without an answer. There are channels through which grace is offered to us, and brought to us. There are definite means through which He bestows His grace upon us. We do not need to wonder whether this or that or the other way is the right one in which to expect to receive grace. We are not left to pray and groan and desire, not knowing when or where or how to obtain. If you would have God's grace use the means; the Word of God, and the Holy Sacraments. Only he who has understood the mistiness, obscurity, indefiniteness of the ideas in other churches and the clearness and beauty of the teaching of our glorious Confessions on this point is able to appreciate the comfort and blessedness of the Lutheran Scriptural faith !

2. *Let us clearly discriminate between what is our offering and what is God's,* in the Christian's life.—A prominent professor, in one of the most widely known theological seminaries of the land, said recently, in answer to a question of a student: "If you want to call prayer a 'means of grace,' it is all right. The term is merely a theological one, and can include prayer as well as anything else." The term may be a theological one, but the distinction is written large all over the New Testament. Prayer is something we offer God. Grace is something God offers us. That only is a means of grace which conveys to us God's gift of grace. Prayer does not do this. It asks for grace. It goes from us to God. The means of grace come from God to us. So beneficence, Christian activity, holiness, confession of sin, necessary as each is in every Christian life, are from us Godward. They do not convey grace to us, but are the outworking of the grace that has been brought to us, the grateful expression of our appreciation of grace. Only one thing

conveys God's grace—namely, His Word—found in the Book, or exhibited in with and under visible elements in the Sacraments. Let us be sure that we understand and appreciate this elementary and fundamental truth. And let us never cease to thank Him for so precious a plan, and for its revelation to us.

4th week after Easter. April 26, 1902.

Philip Melanchthon

(Isa. 6 : 1-8)

Historical Topic reviewed by Rev. Joseph Stump

The character of Philip Melanchthon lacks that aggressive and heroic element which is so conspicuous in Luther, and which makes the historical figure of the latter appeal so powerfully to the imagination. Luther began the Reformation and remained its leader, against whom the chief hostility of its foes was directed. Melanchthon could not possibly have taken Luther's place. Yet in his own place and sphere Melanchthon's labors in the cause of the truth were indispensable and second in importance only to those of Luther himself. He possessed in an eminent degree qualities which Luther lacked, but which were necessary for the successful carrying on of the work which Luther had begun. The two men were meant by Providence to supplement one another.

Born on February 16, 1497, at Bretten, Melanchthon early displayed evidence of the remarkable talents which afterward rendered him so distinguished. When he was 13 years of age he entered the University of Heidelberg, and when he was a little over 14 years of age he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Not long afterward he applied for the Master's degree, but failed to receive it, because of his extreme youth, though he possessed the necessary attainments. He obtained the Master's degree from the University of Tübingen in 1514, and was employed for a time as tutor in that institution. He soon possessed a wide reputation for learning. When he was only 19 years of age Erasmus, the most learned man of the day, publicly said of him: "What promise does not this Philip Melanchthon, a youth as yet, and almost a boy, give of himself! He is equally at home in both languages [Greek and Latin]. What acuteness of invention, what purity of diction, what a memory for recondite matters, what extensive reading, what delicate grace and noble talents he displays!" And a little later the same Erasmus wrote in a letter to a friend: "Of Melanchthon I entertain the most distinguished and splendid expectations. God grant that this young man may long survive us. He will entirely eclipse Erasmus."

A few months after the memorable day, when Luther nailed his 95 theses on the church door at Wittenberg, Melanchthon, in obedience to a call which had been extended to him, came to Wittenberg as professor in the university there. Luther was present at the first lecture which Melanchthon delivered, and was overjoyed to note what an acquisition the university had made in this youthful professor. An intimate friendship sprang up between them, a friendship which lasted through all their later years.

Melanchthon openly espoused the cause of Luther, and threw all the weight and influence of his learning on the side of Luther in the struggles of the Reformation that followed. This meant much to the new movement at a time when men like Erasmus held aloof from the Reformation and openly opposed it. And it is largely due to Melanchthon that the Gospel found such ready acceptance among so many of the princes, nobility and learned men of the day. He was gifted with remarkable clearness of thought and dialectic skill, and wrote a fluent, clear and beautiful style. He became the scribe of the Reformation. The gold which Luther dug from the Scriptures Melanchthon coined and set into circulation. The first Protestant system of theology was the product of his mind and pen. The Augsburg Confession and the Apology (Defense) of the Augsburg Confession were written by him, and are a lasting monument to his name. Whenever it became necessary for the reformers to draw up a public document of any kind it was almost invariably Melanchthon upon whom the task fell. Both by his writings and his lectures he was incessantly occupied in the dissemination and defense of the Gospel. And because Luther was under the imperial ban and dared not appear outside of the dominions of the Elector of Saxony, Melanchthon was frequently called on to appear as the leader of the Protestants in diets and colloquies, to present, discuss and defend the Gospel against its foes.

In disposition Melanchthon was mild and peace loving. In the earlier stages of the Reformation this disposition was of great advantage in avoiding unnecessary offense and conciliating those who were open to conviction. Many were gained for the truth by Melanchthon's clear and temperate presentation of it, who would have been repelled by the more aggressive manner of Luther. But in later years, and especially after Luther's death, this love of peace on Melanchthon's part led him to make alterations in his own previous writings, and even in the Augsburg Confession itself, in order to conciliate oth-

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Rev. William M. Baum, D.D.

THE death of Rev. William M. Baum, D.D., well known throughout the Lutheran Church and pastor of St. Matthew's Church of Philadelphia, occurred on February 6, after a short illness, due to pneumonia and following an attack of grip.

Dr. Baum was born in Earlville, Pa., on Jan. 25, 1835, and therefore reached the age of three-score and seven. He was graduated from the Pennsylvania College in 1846, and from the Seminary two years later.

His ministerial career was singularly successful, and covered almost 54 years. Licensed in 1848 by the West Pennsylvania

Synod, he was called that year to St. Peter's Church, Middletown, Pa., where he remained four years. In November, 1852, he accepted a call to another historic church, St. Peter's, Barren Hill, Pa. At the end of six years he went to Winchester, Va., where he remained until the outbreak of the Civil War, January 1, 1862, when he was called to St. Paul's, York, Pa., where, during his pastorate of 12 years, he built the splendid edifice in which the congregation now worship.

In March, 1874, he became pastor of St. Matthew's, and served it until the day of his death, a period of almost 28 years. While at York he was made a member of the Boards of Home Missions and Church Extension of the General Synod, and was president of the latter board from 1869-74. For many years he was president of the Northern Home for Friendless Children, president of the Pennsylvania Bible Society, president of the Board of Directors of the *Lutheran Observer*, president of the Board of Publication of the General Synod.

He was often chosen president of the district synods to which he belonged, and in 1873-75 was president of the General Synod.

The funeral services were held in St. Matthew's Church, Philadelphia, February 10. An immense congregation filled the church. The opening Psalm was read by Wm. S. Freas, D.D., president of the General Synod; the Scripture lessons by Rev. A. H. F. Fischer, president of the East Pennsylvania Synod; H. E. Jacobs, D.D., Dean of Mt. Airy Theological Seminary, offered the prayer; Rev. Wm. Ibach, a son of the church, read the first hymn, "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me." The first address was made by Rev. M. Valentine, D.D., president of the faculty of the Theological Seminary of Gettysburg; the second address by Rev. Chas. S. Albert, D.D., literary editor of the Board of Publication. The memorial resolutions of the Board of Trustees and congregation, and also of the ladies of the congregation, were read by Mr. Wm. J. Miller, president of the Board of Trustees; those of the Bible Society by Jas. Morrow, D.D.; of the Pastoral Association of the Ten Churches by Chas. H. Richards, D.D. The final hymn, "Abide With Me, Fast Falls the Eventide," by Chas. E. Hay, D.D., president of the Philadelphia Conference of the East Pennsylvania Synod. The closing prayer was offered by Rev. Edgar Grim Miller, another son of the church. The interment occurred on Tuesday, the 11th, at the family burial place in Reading, Pa., T. C. Billheimer, D.D., of the Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Pa., officiating.

Christian faith is a grand cathedral with dimly pictured windows. Standing without, you can see no glory, nor can possibly imagine any; standing within, every ray of light reveals a harmony of unspeakable splendors. —*Hawthorne.*

Without self-sacrifice there can be no blessedness, neither on earth nor in heaven. He that loveth his life will lose it; he that hateth his life in this paltry, selfish, luxurious, hypocritical world shall keep it to life eternal.—*Charles Kingsley.*

There are souls on whose horizen, though death's skeleton form comes striding, the light from eternity does but invest the form with glory. It is no more death the skeleton, but death the angel, a messenger of peace, mercy, love and glory.—*Cheever.*

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Editorial

When Mary broke the cruse of costly ointment and poured it out upon the Christ, she did not do it with a cool, calculating love, but unstintingly she poured out her love. This is the only kind of love that attempts and does great things for Christ and His cause.

How many and great reasons have we for such an unselfish love to Christ? These have been brought home to our hearts during the Lenten tide with its touching passion history. And now as we turn our thoughts toward the great Easter Gospel our hearts burn within us, and we see again why Christ is "all and in all" to the Christian.

Let us then show that love to Him by our deeds. The times call for consistent Christians, men and women who live the Gospel. The question is not so much, "Are you ready to die?" but "Are you ready to live?" Having grace to live we will have grace to die.

Christians need to take more time to be alone with God. With our hearts and minds crowded and harassed with endless plans, ambitions and desires, we do not give the Holy Spirit an opportunity to reveal God's will to us. How then can we do that will? No wonder so many are tossed about by doubts and fears. The Holy Ghost is sent to take of "the things of Jesus and reveal them unto us" that we may have "life more abundantly." That our Christian life is so weak and feeble is because we do not take time to let the Spirit have the opportunity to fulfill His mission in us.

God's dealings with us are often meant to make us stop and think. What changes would take place if we did this simple thing, stop and think. We can live our life but once. We cannot go back to try it over. It is worth our while then to stop and think and ask ourselves what is the record we are making?

Wanted, more Christians who will keep steadily in view the thought that they "stand before God." The men who carry that thought with them into all the duties and responsibilities of the day will live on a high plane of thought and action.

The important question of our lives, as co-workers with Christ, is not "what are your circumstances?" but "are you usable?" Will you let God use you as He thinks best? Will you let Him make you, in His own way, "a vessel meet for the Master's use?"

The suggestion of President Roosevelt to the young men of this country is one that

should be remembered and acted upon: "You are one of the great potent forces for good. One of those forces which must continually be built up if we wish to overcome the forces of evil, for they are continually being built up, too." They are burning words for all the young men of our great land, and only the young man founded upon the rock Christ Jesus will be able to overcome these mighty forces of evil.

When Stephen became a martyr, and Saul consented unto his death, the persecutions became so great that the followers of Christ were scattered abroad, but the record states that "they went everywhere preaching the Word." When Jesus selected His disciples and gave them their instructions, they were commanded to "go preach," and that command is as binding to-day as it was 1900 years ago upon all His disciples.

In this Lenten season we are reminded of many things that we should do as Christians, and of which we are likely to be forgetful after the season is passed. It were well if the lessons taught at this time could be continued throughout all the year, as some of us must be daily reminded of our duty. We are told that Jesus of Nazareth "went about doing good, for God was with Him." Doing good is influenced by a Christian spirit, and God will be with us in all our efforts to benefit and bless others.

We often wonder why our petitions are not answered. We rely upon the promise, "Ask and ye shall receive," and when our prayer is not answered, we doubt God's promises. But when Jesus healed the centurion's servant it was only after an earnest request, and then the miracle was performed according to his faith, for Jesus said unto Him, "As thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee." When the Syro-Phœnician woman asked for the healing of her little daughter, it was her faith which brought the answer, "Be it unto thee even as thou wilt."

Publishers' Column

The "Luther League Topics" for the quarter beginning March 1 were sent to all subscribers of record ten days before the commencement of the quarter. There are some who neglected to order, and probably others who wish to begin the study of the "Topics." They can still secure copies if ordered at once. The large and growing circulation of the "Topics" speaks well for the new system of lessons adopted, embodying historical, missionary, as well as biblical lessons. We wish to repeat the announcement made in our last number that suggestions for the plan of lessons for the years 1903-1904, which will be decided at the coming National Convention, should be sent to the Editor of the "Topics" at once. Address Rev. G. H. Schnur, Chillicothe, Ohio.

"The Window of Rubies," an interesting story by Mrs. Laura Scherer, Copenhaver, has been reprinted in neat booklet form. It is an excellent little *brochure* for any pastor to give to his catechumens, as is likewise Dr. Keyser's story, "John Westoff—Lutheran," of which a few copies are still to be had. They can be furnished at 10 cents each, or $1 a dozen.

A new story by Rev. L. S. Keyser, D.D., will begin in the next number of the REVIEW.

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The Luther League of America

It is confidently expected that full particulars of the Fifth National Convention, to be held at St. Paul-Minneapolis, can be given in the next number. No further information than that printed in the last issue can be given this month. E. F. EILERT,
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ers. That his intentions were good is not to be doubted. But the results of his action were disastrous, and involved the Lutheran Church in controversies which lasted many years before they were finally set at rest by the adoption of the Formula of Concord in 1577.

While we acknowledge Melanchthon's failings, we must not forget his merits. His services to the cause of learning in general were so great that he was called the Preceptor of Germany; and some of the textbooks which he wrote were in use for 200 years. And the services which he rendered to the cause of the Reformation deserve that his memory should be held in lasting honor by all who value the blessings secured by that mighty spiritual revolution. As Luther was the hero, so Melanchthon was the scholar of the Reformation, and each was indispensable to the other and to the work that was to be accomplished.

Old Point Comfort

The third of the present series of personally-conducted tours to Old Point Comfort, Richmond and Washington via the Pennsylvania Railroad will leave New York and Philadelphia on Saturday, March 8.

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Our Churches and Institutions

IN SOME OF THE LARGE CITIES

New York City

— The Church of St. James, Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, D.D., pastor, celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary on Thursday, February 20, by a service in which pastors of churches which have grown out of St. James' took part. The address of the pastor was historical, reciting, among other interesting facts, that for 40 years after its organization this was the only English Lutheran Church in New York City. Addresses were also delivered by Rev. G. F. Krotel, D.D., LL.D., pastor of the Church of the Advent; Rev. C. Armand Miller, pastor of Holy Trinity, and Rev. G. U. Wenner, D.D., pastor of Christ's Church, and Hon. Charles A. Schieren, of Brooklyn.

— St. Peter's Church, Rev. Edward F. Moldehnke, D.D., pastor, has sold to the New York Central Railroad Company its property at Lexington avenue and Forty-sixth street, on which the present edifice stands.

Brooklyn

— On January 26, St. Peter's congregation consecrated its new school and parish building, erected in the rear of the church, at a cost of $35,000, of which $15,000 have been paid. The building is in Gothic style and contains numerous rooms for the various departments of the Sunday-school, societies, etc. They are so arranged that they can be thrown into one, affording a seating capacity of 1,000. Dr. Heischman performed the consecration. Dr. Loch preached the sermon. Revs. Drs. Brennecke, Krotel and Haas officiated in the afternon and evening.

Philadelphia

— Mr. William H. Staake was elected president of the Mary J. Drexel Home and Philadelphia Mother House of Deaconesses on January 7th. On the following Sunday the Sisters were presented to him.

— Mr. Wm. McClary, a member of St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, recently deceased, among other bequests, left $5,000 to the Orphans' Home at Germantown; $5,000 for the endowment of a free bed in the German Hospital, the use of which is given to St. Mark's Church, and the further sum of $5,000 to St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia.

— Bethlehem Church, Rev. G. C. Loos, pastor, celebrated its fifth anniversary on Sunday, February 2. The congregation was organized January 29, 1897, with 41 members, and now has a membership of 284, with a Sunday-school of 519, and an active Luther League of 73.

— Bethel, a mission, on Fifth street, above Tioga, was organized on January 13, with 65 members. Its Sunday-school enrolls 175.

— The February meeting of the Lutheran Social Union was held on February 11 in the New Century Club rooms. The feature of the evening was the address by Rev. J. H. Harpster, D.D., on "The History of Lutheran Missions in India." After the transaction of current business, those present partook of a liberal luncheon.

Chicago

— The annual meeting of the Lutheran Women's League of Chicago, which taxed the capacity of St. Mark's Church, was a very interesting and profitable gathering. Interesting features of the session were the reading of a letter from Mrs. M. W. Hamma, of Washington, D. C., who founded the society during the World's Fair in 1893, and some timely and encouraging remarks by the president, Mrs. C. R. Matson. The election of officers for 1902 resulted as follows: Pres., Mrs. C. R. Matson; vice-pres., Mrs. E. Olgen; sec., Mrs. W. H. D. Marr; treas., Mrs. Ranke. An excellent programme followed: 1. "Philanthropic Work and the Church," by Mrs. E. Olgen. 2. "Ecclesiastical Needlework," by Mrs. A. D. Crile. 3. Current Events of General Council, General Synod, United Norwegian Church, Hauge Synod, and Iowa Synod, by Mrs. W. L. Hunton, Mrs. C. G. Stacy, Mrs. C. T. Rygh, Mrs. L. Harrisville, and Mrs. D. Schueren, respectively. The Women's League never was more vigorous or prosperous and enters the new year under most favorable auspices.

— St. Luke's, Rev. M. E. Haberland, pastor, has been donated a lot by a friend of the mission, to be used for a parsonage. Rev. Haberland was recently installed as pastor of this flourishing mission.

— The Chicago Seminary students are in great demand and the faculty say they could place every man if they had double the number. This school of the prophets is doing a wonderful work for our Lutheran Church.

Baltimore

— The old St. Mark's Lutheran Church property, on the east side of Eutaw street, has been purchased by three members of the church, Messrs. Waldo Newcomer, L. T. Appold and Charles G. Kriel. The consideration was $30,000.

— The total contributions thus far toward the new Lutheran Deaconess Home at Baltimore amount to $9,723.

— The congregation of Salem Lutheran Church of Catonsville, a suburb of Baltimore, have decided to build a new church, and have appointed a committee to secure a new site.

Columbus

— The First Church, Rev. Charles K. Hunton, pastor, will build a parsonage in the near future. They have secured a very favorably located lot in one of the best sections of the Buckeye capital.

Jersey City

— St. Matthew's congregation, having resolved to become a German-English congregation and to have English services permanently, its pastor, the Rev. J. C. Petersen, has of his own accord resigned the congregation. The resignation has been accepted and will take effect August 31, 1902.

MISCELLANY

— Trinity Church, Johnstown, Pa., Rev. Charles W. Anschutz, pastor, is making rapid progress toward freedom from debt, having recently provided for $16,000 of the $26,000 under which they have been laboring.

— The pastors of the eastern portion of Berks County, Pa., recently formed a "Pastoral Association" for special Bible study. The officers are: Pres., Rev. F. K. Bernd; sec. and treas., Rev. A. C. Schenck.

— An attempt is being made to raise $200,000 for the benefit of Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa., and the plan is meeting with much encouragement. Allentown has alone pledged $22,000.

— The Schoharie County Lutheran Ministe-

rial Association was formed at Cobleskill, N. Y., on Tuesday, January 14. This association is to meet monthly to discuss various theological and practical subjects. The Rev. G. A. Getty is president.

— Rev. F. Richards, D.D., has been pastor of St. John's English Lutheran Church, at Zanesville, Ohio, for 25 years. The "silver jubilee" was celebrated in an appropriate manner from December 1 to 3. Rev. M. C. Horine, D.D., of Reading, Pa., delivered a masterly sermon in the morning, and Rev. F. W. E. Peschau of Miamisburg, Ohio, preached at night. On Monday night Rev. F. P. Bossart of Lima, Ohio, preached. On Tuesday night the visiting ministers delivered brief and appropriate addresses. The jubilee celebration was an honor to both pastor and people. Dr. Richards was kindly remembered by his people, and honored and encouraged by a number of excellent gifts, which in the name of the congregation, and at its request, were presented by Dr. Peschau.

— The fine new edifice of St. John's German Church, Findlay, Ohio, was dedicated on Sunday, February 9. The energetic pastor, Rev. W. G. Dressler, and his people, were inexpressibly happy over the event.

— The Sunday-school of the church at Miamisburg, Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, D.D., pastor, has 606 members enrolled, the largest number in its history.

— Dr. Andreen, president of Augustana College, delivered a lecture in Zion Swedish Lutheran Church of Rockford, Ill. The proceeds of the lecture were for the college. After the lecture a banquet was extended the Doctor by the newly formed Association of Augustana Students living at Rockford. As officers of the Association were chosen: Pres., John Alden; vice-pres., Dr. Emil Lofgren; sec., Albin Lundvall; treas., John Anderson.

— Augustana College is planning to have Founders' Day celebrated as far as possible throughout the Augustana Synod. The date is April 27. The offerings and gifts received at the time are intended to endow the chair of Church History at the Seminary in Rock Island.

— A very successful mission conference was held at Kenosha, Wis., in January. Rev. P. E. Baisler is making a decided success of the Grace English Mission at this place.

— The new edifice of the English Lutheran Church at Racine, Wis., Rev. G. F. Gehr, pastor, is so that it can be used for services. The new building is a pure Gothic and very churchly and commodious.

— Mr. Christian Klinck has again donated $1,000, the amount of his salary as Councilman of Buffalo, N. Y., to St. John's Orphans' Home, at Sulphur Springs. Mr. Klinck is deeply interested in the welfare of the institution and always ready to promote the same with a liberal hand.

— The members of the Lutheran Church in Woodstock, Va., will erect a $2,500 annex to the church to be used as a Sunday school room.

—It is reported that a Lutheran School of Theology will be established in Berkeley, Cal., next summer, and that it will continue its sessions during the months of June and July. Dr. R. F. Weidner, president of the Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary, is back of the movement.

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NEW YORK STATE

New York City

—The regular bi-monthly business meeting of the Luther League of New York City was held on Tuesday evening, February 25, at St. James' Church. The Executive Committee reported that arrangements have been made for the Spring Convention, which will be held on March 20, at the Church of the Epiphany, 72 East 128th street. Rev. Charles L. Fry of Philadelphia, literary secretary of the Luther League of America, has been invited to speak on that occasion, on the subject, "The Value of Religious Knowledge."

—The Luther League of St. James' Church, Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, D.D., pastor, has added 14 new members to its roll within a year and is experienceing a renewal of activity. The League will give an informal reception to the newly confirmed in Easter week. Mr. I. S. Runyon is the president.

Albany District

—The annual meeting of the Luther League of the Church of the Holy Communion, Utica, Rev. Prof. Levi Gruber, pastor, was held Friday evening, Feb. 14, and the following officers were elected: Pres., Mr. Chas. Pfeifer; vice-pres., Mr. Henry Toms; cor. and rec. sec., Miss Eva M. Schied; fin. sec., Mr. Carl Hoffman; treas., Miss Mary E. Yount.

Buffalo District

—At the annual meeting of the Luther League of the Church of the Atonement, Rev. T. W. Kretschmann, pastor, held January 14th, the election resulted as follows: Pres., Mr. Fred. J. Borth; vice-pres., Mr. W. E. Heiser; sec., Mr. Fred. Keisel; treas., Miss Elizabeth Grauer. The chairman of the District Committee is Miss Jennie Holmlund, and of the Programme Committee, Miss Elizabeth Grauer. A special committee to arrange for the holding

of devotional meetings has been appointed, consisting of Mr. Fred. Kiesel and Miss Jennie Holmlund.

— The Luther League of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Rev. F. A. Kahler, D.D., pastor, has given $115.75 to the church building fund.

NEW JERSEY

— President T. Clem Beck, of the Luther League of New Jersey, is making many forward movements in which his committees are giving him hearty support. A neat directory card, with the names and addresses of the State League officers and with a roll of societies connected with the Luther League of New Jersey, has been issued. The Extension Committee has set a high standard for its members, and is using every opportunity to do successful work.

— The Luther League of Holy Trinity Church, Elizabeth, is raising by free-will offerings from its members the sum of $50 for the property fund of the congregation.

— The Luther League of the church at Saddle River, Rev. Martin L. Snyder, pastor, numbers 121 members and continues to grow.

RHODE ISLAND

— The Swedish Luther League of Rhode Island held its annual meeting on January 13. Rev. M. J. Englund was elected pres.; Rev. K. N. Rabenius, vice-pres.; Rev. J. T. Norrby, sec., and Miss Hilma Bergstrom, treas. The collections to be taken at the meetings of the League during the present year will be for the benefit of the debt of the Home Mission treasury of the Providence Mission District. Seven Young People's societies, with 234 members, belong to this League.

MASSACHUSETTS

— The Young People's Society of the church at Orange has recently borne the expense of carpeting and painting the inside of the church.

PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia Central

— The January Convention of the Philadelphia Central Luther League was held on January 28 in St. Luke's Church, Rev. C. L. Fry, pastor. The topic of the evening was "The Leaguer's Equipment," which was introduced by the Rev. J. F. Hartman, D. D., and then generally discussed by the delegates. The committee reported that $750 had been raised for th Porto Rico Mission as the result of the Reformation Week festival. One new League was received into membership, that from the Church of the Apostles. A pleasant feature of the meeting was the social intercourse following the adjournment.

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— At the annual meeting of the Luther League of the Epiphany, Manayunk, Rev. C. P. Weiskotten, pastor, the following officers were elected: Pres., Rev. C. P. Weiskotten; vice-pres., Mrs. William Bonner; sec., Mr. James Fox; treas., Miss Emma Hagenbucher. The League has contributed to the church treasury $120 during the year, and is doing much to promote the interests of the church.

Bucks, Montgomery and Chester Counties Central.

— The eighth annual convention of the Central Luther League of Bucks, Montgomery and Chester counties, was held in Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Pottstown, Rev. I. J. Kurtz, pastor, on Monday, February 24. Three sessions were held, and delegates representing 37 Leagues in the three counties were present. Two new Leagues were admitted to the organization—St. John's, of Ridge Valley, Rev. John H. Waidelich, pastor, and St. Peter's Christian Endeavor Society, of Barren Hill, Rev. Joseph F. Hartman, D.D., pastor. The two societies have 360 members and greatly strengthen the Central League. Rev. D. H. Reiter of Quakertown conducted the opening devotions. E. K. Snell, on behalf of the Entertainment Committee, made the address of welcome, concluding with: "In the bonds of our Conference there are spots of great historic interest, the contemplation of which always uplifts us. On the very site where this church stands stood a log house place of worship where a handful of Lutherans met. Let us cherish their memory on an occasion like this and be faithful in the work as they were, thus meriting a crown of glory that fadeth not away." President I. G. Romich briefly responded, and the morning session was opened with the reading of the minutes of the last convention. Frank L. Brown of Norristown was appointed official correspondent for the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW and the local papers. The Committee on Muhlenberg Memorial reported that a copper bronze statue, full life size, on a granite base, and costing not less than $3,000, will be erected in front of the old Trappe Church, in accordance with the resolu- of the State Luther League. The committee is composed of F. A. Hartranft, Esq., of Philadelphia; William H. Zenser, of Philadelphia; Rev. F. E. Cooper, Allentown; Rev. Joseph F. Hartman, D.D., Barren Hill; George W. Zimmerman, Esq., Norristown; Rev. J. M. Riemensnyder, D.D., Milton; Rev. C. Luther McConnell, Mifflinberg; Frank L. Brown, Norristown. The report of the Extension Committee showed 37 congregations represented in the Central League. There are 55 Lutheran congregations within a radius of 18 or 20 miles. Of this number 35 are not affiliated with the Luther League movement. There are 18 of these societies not members, while the others are not organized at all. The report of the State Con-

vention, held at Shamokin, reported 18 Central Leagues, composed of 333 locals and 16,500 members. Treasurer A. B. Walp reported a balance of $43.94 with more dues to come in. Officers were elected as follows: Pres., Irwin G. Romich, Pottstown; first vice-pres., William F. Day, Norristown; sec. vice-pres., Charles F. Ash, Phœnixville; rec. sec., Miss Sara Cressman, Sellersville; cor. sec., Miss Martha E. Ryberg, Norristown; treas., A. B. Walp, Quakertown.

Allentown District

— The Luther League cause has suffered a severe loss by the death of Clarence D. Heckenberger, of Catasauqua, which occurred on Tuesday, February 4, from appendicitis. He was the only surviving child of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Heckenberger, and had just reached his twentieth year. He was a member of the senior class of Muhlenberg College, where he was a favorite with faculty and students. Nearly all branches of the work of St. Paul's Church, of which he was a member, were served by him, but the League was his special field. Official and committee duties in his own church and League had been discharged with efficiency, and at the time of his death he was vice-president of the Allentown District League, which office he had held for several terms. Th funeral took place from St. Paul's Church on Saturday, February 8, the pastor, Rev. James F. Lambert, officiating. The League has paid a fitting tribute to his memory.

Reading Central

— The statement that appeared in the last issue of the REVIEW, that a Luther League of five members had been recently organized in the Lutheran Orphans' Home at Topton, of which Rev. J. H. Raker is superintendent, was only partially correct. The League was organized more than a year ago with 20 members, and has increased the number to 26. Meetings are held every Sunday evening, attended at times by all the inmates and helpers. The Topics are used, and the REVIEW is read with interest. The officers are: Pres., Paul Eben; vice-pres., Robert Werley; sec., Lizzie Greenwood; treas., Myra Saylor. After studying the mission work in India, the children in the Home asked permission to make an offering to that cause. It was finally granted. The offering came from their own savings and amounted to $3.02.

Upper Lehigh Valley Central

— A Luther League, organized October 1, 1901, at Dorrance, has already enrolled 37 active members, and one associate member. The work is very encouraging and promises to be a great help and assistance to the congregation. A promising Luther League was organized at Slocum, January 1, 1902, having now 22 active members. This is the third Luther League in the bounds of the Hobbie Parish. The St. James Luther League of Hobbie was the first, organized in the very successful pastorate of Rev. E. M. Beyscher, now of Sayre, Pa. The other two have been organized in the pastorate of Rev. J. F. Bruch, the present pastor. The St. James Luther League of Hobbie has among its members 15 subscribers to THE LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, and they are taking up the first two "Reading Courses," which they recently procured.

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Pittsburgh Central

— The Luther League of the church at Duquesne, Rev. W. Ira Guss, pastor, was organized October 6, 1901, and now numbers 45 members. New members are being received at each business meeting. Interesting and well attended devotional meetings are held Sunday evenings, the Topics being used. The officers are: Bertha Abel, pres.; Thorwald Nelson, vice-pres.; Sadie Marks, sec.; Maude Sumpter, treas.

Northwestern Central

— A large audience was present at the anniversary services of the Luther League of St. John's parish, Erie, held in the church January 19. The church was prettily decorated with potted plants and flowers. After the devotional services the respective secretaries of the four Leagues connected with the parish made their reports. Mr. Arthur Vollmen reported that St. John's Luther League had a membership of 270, having received about 41 new members during the year. St. Stephen's League reported 55 members. The Helpers, of St. John's, composed of the newly confirmed, has 77 members, as reported by the secretary, Otto Harbst. George Marlow, for the Junior League, stated that it had 146 members. The four Leagues have a combined membership of 548. They raised about $900 for the local and general church work during the past year. The young people of St. John's are interested and wide awake.

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— It was a pleasant and complete surprise to me to learn that our great Lutheran Zion is the second Protestant Church in numbers, etc., in the Buckeye State, which has eclipsed old Virginia in being the "Mother of Presidents." We number about 100,000 members, and only the Methodist Church stands ahead of us. What the actual strength of our Luther League is we have not been able as yet to ascertain, but our efficient corresponding secretary is working in that line, and we all hope that he will succeed in ascertaining the facts desired, so that we may have the full numbers in time for our next annual convention in Springfield next June. Having the Joint Synod largely represented with their many Luther Leagues, and also the Missouri Synod in the large northern cities of the State, with their Walther Leagues, it will require considerable correspondence and effort to secure the desired data. There has been progress all along the line, and we believe never before in the history of Lutheranism in the State has there been such activity among the churches of our holy faith, on behalf of the young confirmed members, as during the present time. Specially commendable success has been achieved in a number of places in local work, and in certain districts, in the more general work of the League movement. A more general interest has been awakened. The Zanesville District has been organized, and just recently they had a highly interesting and successful convention. The Toledo Lutherans have also effected an organization, and the Findlay District is becoming more and more wide awake in its interest in the same line. In all letters received, without exception, comes cheering news, both in regard to the local and the general work. Not only have letters come in regard to the work already organized, but a number of consecrated pastors have written, proposing to form Luther Leagues in their parishes. It does a Lutheran heart good to see how the good work is more and more encouraged and a deeper interest manifested. Quite a number of the strongest men on the watchtowers of the Lutheran Zion in the State have rendered most valuable service in the interests of the League, which augurs well for the future of the enterprise. Then, too, the growing tendency toward "Denominationalism" is a very hopeful sign in our favor, for when some of our Lutheran pastors see that the trend of the age is toward a higher, stronger and more active denominational development they will the more readily, with renewed energy and zeal, fall into line and aid the onward movement to care for our Lutheran young people in a Lutheran way and on a Lutheran basis. God speed this time! The Luther League movement in Ohio is a growing work!—F. W. E. PESCHAU, President.

— The Senior Luther League of St. Paul's Church, Newark, Rev. J. C. Schindel, pastor, is in a prosperous condition. Twelve new members were recently admitted to membership. The Junior League numbers 30, with the best of results in service. The Reading Course is popular and profitable.

— In the congregation of Pastor S. Schillinger, at West Alexandria, a Luther League was organized recently with 54 members. They adopted a constitution according to Lutheran principles and practice. The society meets every two weeks, and the programme consists of religious essays, addresses and discussions, singing and answering Bible questions.

— The Rev. E. M. Potts of Middle Point a

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very devoted pastor of our Church, and a most active worker in the Luther League, is quite ill, and serious fears are entertained as to his recovery.

ILLINOIS

Chicago

— The Luther League of Chicago held its annual convention in Grace Church, Rev. Dr. Hinmann, pastor of the church and president of the League, presiding, on Monday, February 17. Two new Leagues were received and about 25 Leagues were represented—some of them by quite large delegations. The address of the evening was delivered by Rev. W. L. Hunton of Trinity Church on "The Young Lutherans' Coat of Arms." Mr. M. C. Olson of the National Executive Committee made a stirring address on the National League Convention to be held in St. Paul, Minn.

— Six of the Chicago Leagues are holding union meetings weekly, each with a different League, until all have been visited. Inspiration and mutual help are expected to result. The Rally Hymn is sung at each meeting.

— The Young People's Society of the Zion Church, Rockford, has gathered the sum of $900 during the year past, and all of this money has been spent in furnishing the church with the necessities that time and again must be met. Such a society is an honor to any congregation, and its work should be freely acknowledged and appreciated.

WISCONSIN

— The Luther League of the English Church at Racine, Rev. G. F. Gehr, pastor, is doing very good work in the congregation, and will entertain the next convention of the State League.

IOWA.

— The Luther Leagues and other Young People's Societies of the Lutheran churches in Central Iowa held a meeting recently at Slater, with a view to forming a District Luther League for Central Iowa.

KANSAS

— The Christian Endeavor Society of St. Mark's Church, Atchison, Rev. L. S. Keyser, pastor, has been reorganized as a Luther League. The League Topics have been adopted, and gratifying results are expected.

OREGON

— The Luther League of St. James' Church, Portland, Rev. J. A. Leas, pastor, now numbers 36, and is beginning work on the Reading Course. Friends of the League are coming from other States and rallying to its support. Last Sunday evening hardly a young member of the church was absent from service. They are beginning to realize that this is their church and upon them rests the responsibility of sustaining it with their presence and devotion.

CALIFORNIA.

— The Young People's Society of the Swedish Church at San Francisco is to bear the expense of painting the church edifice.

Responsibility for Christian work in a community cannot all be laid upon the ministry. A minister of the Gospel is under no greater obligation to preach the Gospel than is any Christian to live the Gospel.

Daily Bible Readings

Mar. 3. Monday—Genesis 3: 1-6.
Tuesday—Job 1: 1-12.
Wednesday—Job 2: 1-7.
Thursday—Matthew 4: 1-11.
Friday—Acts 12: 1-9.
Saturday—II Peter 2: 1-9.

Mar. 9. Lætare—James 1: 13-17.
Monday—Genesis 4: 1-16.
Tuesday—Exodus 32: 1-10.
Wednesday—II Samuel 15: 1-10.
Thursday—II Chronicles 10: 1-19.
Friday—Hosea 7: 1-16.
Saturday—Matthew 7: 22-29.

Mar. 16. Judica—Galatians 5: 19-21.
Monday—Exodus 15: 1-18.
Tuesday—Joshua 3:1-17.
Wednesday—I Samuel 18: 6-9.
Thursday—Zechariah 9: 9-11.
Friday—Zechariah 14: 13-21.
Saturday—Matthew 21: 1-10.

Mar. 23. Palm Sunday—Luke 19: 29-40.
Monday—Isaiah 53: 1-12.
Tuesday—Daniel 9: 17-27.
Wednesday—Matthew 26: 1-35.
Maundy Thursday—Matthew 26: 36-74.
Good Friday—Matthew 27: 1-54.
Saturday—Matthew 27: 55-66.

Mar. 30. Easter—John 20: 1-18.
Easter Monday—Matthew 28: 1-10.
Tuesday—Luke 24: 1-12.
Wednesday—Luke 24: 13-34.
Thursday—Luke 24: 35-53.
Friday—Isaiah 45: 20-25.
Saturday—Romans 2: 1-10.

Apr. 6. Quasimodogeniti — John 3: 16-17; 14: 1-7.
Monday—Joshua 1: 1-9.
Tuesday—Psalm 72: 1-20.
Wednesday—Isaiah 52: 1-15.
Thursday—Acts 8: 5-13.
Friday—Acts 28: 17-31.
Saturday—Acts 16: 1-10.

Apr. 13. Misericordias—Revelation 3: 7-13.
Monday—Deuteronomy 19: 1-21.
Tuesday—I Kings 9: 1-9.
Wednesday—Isaiah 55: 1-13.
Thursday—Matthew 10: 32-42.
Friday—John 15: 1-14.
Saturday—Philippians 2: 1-11.

Apr. 20. Jubilate—Ephesians 2: 1-10.
Monday—Exodus 3: 11-15.
Tuesday—I Samuel 2: 1-21.
Wednesday—II Kings 2: 1-25.
Thursday—Jeremiah 1: 1-9.
Friday—Daniel 1: 1-21.
Saturday—Acts 13: 1-5.

Apr. 27. Cantate—Isaiah 6: 1-8.
Monday—Ezra 9: 1-8.
Tuesday—Isaiah 40: 1-11.
Wednesday—Habakkuk 2: 1-4.
Thursday—Matthew 9: 27-38.
Friday—Romans 1: 16-19.
Saturday—Romans 8: 1-11.

God provides the best things for those who come to Him. He draws upon the riches of His infinite nature to satisfy their spiritual need. He fills their cup to overflowing with His love.

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DO we remember the social side of our Junior life as fully as we ought? Think in how many pleasant, bright and profitable ways the separate lives of the boys and girls of to-day may be made nobler and happier by the right sort of intercourse and fellowship. Nor should any class be overlooked by the organizers of the work. At this season of the year the pleasures must, in the North, be largely of an indoor kind. A reception now and then will certainly do much good, if well and truly carried into effect.

Friend! does your League, or a committee of its number, ever go to visit a neighbor League at another part of the town? If not, why not?

Who is on the lookout for the others not yet connected with the League; and bringing them in to share the blessing of good fellowship with the members now on hand?

How does your meeting room appear to the eye? Is it attractive and tidy to the little band that from time to time gathers there, under the shelter of their spiritual home? Pictures (changed as often as may be suitable) and any form of pretty object that does not offend the good taste of the most refined might, with great acceptance, find a place therein.

One great cause why your meetings may not be as fully and completely a success as could be wished is owing to the lack of friendliness among the members themselves. If in some quiet way we can move among the elements of the organization in such a manner as imperceptibly to cause all to mingle socially and delightfully together, a great gain will be made, and far more lasting results will follow.

It is found to be a good plan to sing the beautiful hymns of the Church by the Juniors without the books as often as possible. This is accomplished by having one verse repeated and learned at one meeting and sung in review at the next; adding to the number of verses learned week by week; until one hymn after another is committed. In this way all the old standard favorites may with ease be learned; and it will be found a surprise with what freedom the children sing, when they do not have to spell the long words. But the chief object in view is to equip them with these beautiful songs of the Church for their after years.

The Junior League may be made a most useful adjunct to the Sunday school by having the memorizing of the Golden Text for the following Sunday as a part of the Order of Business.

"Man in society is like a flower,
Blown in its native bud. 'Tis there alone
His faculties, expanded in full bloom,
Shine out; there only reach their proper use."

The First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Nashville, Tenn., has a useful and flourishing Junior League; of which Harvey D. Jacobs has recently been re-elected president. Rev. Chas. F. Bergner is their pastor. The meetings are semimonthly, and are for business or of a devotional character. Social meetings are also held from time to time.

Here is a sample of what one of our little bands of Junior Leagues are doing:

"Dear Sir:

"Our Superintendent requested me to tell you how our 'Luther League' is progressing. We had a coffee and cake social last Friday, the 7th of February, in which we cleared $15, to be used for a church window when we build our new church. This Junior League has a membership of 30, and is still growing. On Friday, February 14, 1902, will be its first anniversary.

"Yours truly,
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"Bennet, Pa."

The above is but one instance of what is being done in all parts of our great land, as the number of Leagues and its zeal and interest are developed and fostered. And why should it not be so, since the greatest work we do is that of the cause of the Lord.

The President's Religion

Mr. Roosevelt attends the Dutch Reformed Church, but his real religion is perhaps most clearly revealed through an incident of his visit to a big mining camp in Wyoming one Sunday during his late national political canvass. The owner of the ranch and a number of his friends were anxious to entertain the Governor in any way that might be pleasant to him. He chose to ride. A wolf hunt was proposed. "There is nothing I would like better," the Governor said; "but it is Sunday."

"Still, nobody will know," suggested one of the newspaper men; "we won't any of us say a word."

"My dear fellow," said the Governor, "there are two ways of keeping out of trouble. One is to do nothing that could by any possibility make trouble for you. The other is to conceal the things you have done which might cause trouble. The first way is the simpler. If you act by it you never want to tell a lie."

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